WE'RE SO GLAD YOU JOINED US TODAY!

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship at St. John's United Methodist Church.

You are welcome and celebrated in this faith community!
If you are a first time attendee or a long-time member;
If you are black, brown, white or anything in between;
If you are gay, straight, bisexual, lesbian, or transgender;
If you are a Native American or an immigrant friend;
If you are male or female, young or old, abled or differently-abled, rich or poor;
No matter what you believe or doubt;
No matter where you are on life's journey;
You are a gift of the Creator God. Together, we are family of God,
because we are gathered in the name of the One who makes us one.

St. John's has been affiliated with Reconciling Ministries Network since 1998, when we adopted a statement affirming the sacred worth of all God's children, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. We celebrate our diversity and welcome all people to join us in our journey together toward greater understanding and mutual respect.

We welcome children and enjoy their participation in all aspects of congregational life. For caregivers of small children, a changing table is available in the front bathroom and the library is open if you need a quiet place to tend to your little one. A nursery with certified workers is available for infants through age 5 at the southeast corner of the building if you need respite. Ushers will be glad to direct you to any of these resources.

Meet Our Staff.

To contact a member of our staff please call 806-762-0123, visit us online, or send us an email at openminds@stjohnslubbock.org

Rev. Josh Stueve
Senior Pastor
Rev. Ann Akin
Associate Pastor
Clint Barrick
Organist

Tim Algate
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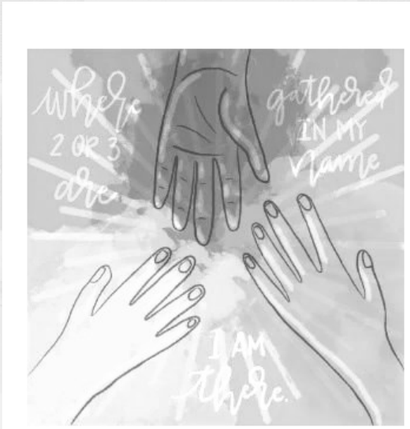

From the Lectionary
Changed by Community
Rev. Anna Strickland

Anna (she/her) is Baptist to the bone. Born and raised in Austin, Texas, she grew up in the kind of Baptist church that's hard to find outside of Austin, the kind that has women and LGBTQ folx in the pulpit and still serves corn casserole at monthly potlucks. The "four fragile freedoms" were all woven into her spiritual upbringing so tightly that not even seminary was able to unravel her Baptist roots.

Anna is always seeking the Divine in the everyday-like treasure in clay jars. Though raised in the Church, she first encountered the Living God in the integration of her spiritual self and artistic self at a worship service for college students and young adults. Every Thursday night, the holy entered in through spoken word and journaling, musicals and movie clips, Alanis and Sufjan, fine art and doodling.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council, and Ministries
St. John's Members who are homebound or in assisted care
The St. John's Confirmation Class
Jonathan Krebbs
The Family of Calder Thomas
The Family of Abby Reimer
The Family of Rick Nelson

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ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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Phone: 806-762-0123 **Web:** stjohnslubbock.org
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The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Air (The Water Music) — G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*Call to Worship — Kelley LaRue
God of love, we come not by our initiative but by your invitation.
Together we worship, together we grow.
Loving Christ, in your grace you gather us into your Body.
Together we worship, together we grow.
Holy Spirit, you make us one with you, one with Christ,
and one in ministry to the world.
Together we worship, together we grow.
Together we worship you in harmony. Alleluia!

*Hymn, No. 660 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
God Is Here — ABBOT'S LEIGH

Prayers of the People | The Lord's Prayer — Rev. Josh Stueve
God in your graciousness/mercy
Hear our prayers.

Our Father who art in Heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Act of Praise — Alan Winner
When I Survey — arr. Jeff Howard
Lyrics can be found in Hymn No. 298 in The United Methodist Hymnal

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 18: 15-20, p. 20, N.T. — Kelley LaRue
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response — Rev. Josh Stueve
Baptismal Covenant I - Part 8, p. 35 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir, Emma Porter, soloist
Esto Les Digo — Kinley Lange

Esto les digo,
Si dos de ustedes se ponen de
acuerdo aquí en la tierra para pedir
algo en oración,
Mi Padre que está en el cielo se lo
dará.
Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen
en mi nombre,
Allí estoy yo en medio de ellos.

This I say to you,
If two of you agree here on earth to
ask for anything in prayer,
My Father who is in heaven will give
it to you.
Because where two or three are
gathered in my name,
There am I in the midst of them.

**You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.*
***Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Please approach the altar using the center aisle.
You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please speak your name to the servers
so that you may receive the bread and cup
by name. We receive by intinction. (As you receive the bread,
hold it until the cup is offered. Dip the bread into the cup and then eat.)
When you are ready, you may return to your seat using the
side aisles. If you are unable to come to the altar,
please tell an usher so that we may serve you in your seat.
Our communion bread is vegan, free of dairy, egg, and gluten.

All people gathered to worship God are invited
to receive the bread and the cup.
Communion Stewards: Rev. Dave & Dennie Treat

Invitation to the Table — Rev. Josh Stueve
The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting E, p. 24
Invitation to the Offering

Music for Communion — St. John's Choral Scholars
O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit — Thomas Tallis

Hymns for Communion
Hymn No. 549 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Where Charity and Love Prevail — ST. PETER

Hymn No. 632 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether — UNION SEMINARY

Prayer After Communion — Rev. Josh Stueve
You have given us the gift of one another, your beloved community, in which to serve, to grow, and to learn the grace of forgiveness. Bless us that we may bear your good news, in the name of Christ and the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise, God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

Reception of New Members — Rev. Josh Stueve
We rejoice to welcome you as members of
Christ's Holy Church, and we bid you welcome
to St. John's United Methodist Church.
With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers,
our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

*Hymn No. 559 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation — WESTMINSTER ABBY

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve
You have come to this Table in faith; go in peace.
Know the God of peace goes with you.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Clint Barrick
The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Solomon) — G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Altar flowers this morning are given by Mary Vines. Mary & Darrell are celebrating 69 years of marriage this week.

Choral Scholar Program
Welcome back Choral Scholars! For years, St. John's has had students sing in the choir. Undergraduate students are awarded $1,000 per semester and graduate students are awarded $1,200 per semester.

Giving to the choral scholar program supports not only these musicians but the entire music ministry at St. John's. Donations can be made by check on Sunday mornings or online at www.stjohnslubbock.org. Please make sure to designate your gift for the "Choral Scholar Program."

Construction Update
Construction continues on the first floor as Sunday School rooms receive updated lighting fixtures, new flooring, and a fresh coat of paint. The project is expected to last for several weeks.

Men's Breakfast
The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room at St. John's. All men of the church are invited to join.

Ice Cream Social
Join in celebrating Josh and Marcy's fifth year at St. John's with an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 27 at 4:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. Sign-ups for ice cream and toppings are available in the hallway.

Workday at the South Plains Food Bank
United Women in Faith is sponsoring a work day at the South Plains Food Bank(5605 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd) on Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Use this link to register: https://vhub.at/stjohnsumc